

Let The Yaquis Have Land

Military authorities of Sonora are still wrestling with the Yaqui Indian problem, and they still have a bribe war on their hands just as other Mexican leaders in Sonora have had since the days of Gen. Luis Torres. The Indians have been fighting for years for the recovery of their lands in the Yaqui valley, resented the fact that it was taken from them and sold to foreigners, and it appears they will keep on fighting until the last Indian dies.

Development of the state has been retarded and great loss of life and property caused by the warfare of Mexicans with the Yaquis. The fighting, raiding, killing and burning has only been interrupted when Mexican factions fought each other or when a foreign war was threatened. At such time the Indians have been enlisted in military service under promise of regaining their lands as a reward. Of course the promises have not been made good. It is slight wonder the Indians have come to lose all faith in the word of Mexican chiefs.

There was a time, shortly after Madaga became president, when a commission surveyed the remaining available agricultural land in the Yaqui valley with the intention of apportioning it among the Indians and giving every family a little farm. Some difficulty arose with the chiefs, however, and the project was dropped. Since that time there has been no effort to provide land for the Indians.

Mexico would have found it a measure of economy in money and certainly in life and property to buy up the whole Yaqui valley and return it to the Indians. Failing that, some steps should be undertaken as promptly as possible, to provide other good land for the Indians and make them what they used to be, an industrious, contented clan of hard working farmers.

Fortifying Campaign Issues

With no desire to make any unjust reflections, it does appear that the Prohibitionist party, as represented by its presidential and vice presidential candidates now on tour, has been piling a little stuff from the Republican and Democratic parties to make it cold water platform more invigorating to the voter. Americanism, adequate preparedness for national defense, the upholding of an American merchant marine—these are among the issues which the Prohibitionists have added to their stock issue of teetotalism. Both great political parties claimed them before the Prohibitionists opened their campaign. However, the Prohibitionists have infringed upon no copyright, so far as is known, and they cannot be censured for advocating whatever they approve. In politics, as in love and war, many things are permissible.

At any rate the Pros are demonstrating that while they advocate grape juice as a substitute product for the wine vintage of California, they are not for Mr. Bryan's grape juice policy with respect to preparedness.

Incidentally, Messrs. Hanly and Landrith, the Prohibitionist candidates, have within the past few days been campaigning in the "dry" state of Arizona. A few months ago their press representatives might have worked up a good story by having them invited to address a then flourishing organization known as the Bootleggers' union. It would be impracticable now because most members of the union would be unable to attend on account of previous engagements, and useless because they hardly would be out of jail in time for the election.

It is six of one and half a dozen of the other whether the price of bread is raised or the size of the loaf decreased.

Forbidding The Children

According to a Detroit dispatch, Billy Sunday, a so called evangelist, became irritated during one of his meetings in that city because a little girl had strayed into the aisle. After a command that the child be removed because he said it disturbed the meeting, he is said to have surrounded the audience by whirling on his heel and saying shortly: "Meeting's closed." The people sat silently for a moment and then quietly left the tabernacle. Billy is very temperamental, it seems.

If the story is true, it contrasts strangely with ordinary revivals, where children are usually much in evidence. Sunday's attitude as related is far different from that of Methodist revivalists, for instance, who are not in the least annoyed when little toddlers scamper up and down the aisles, sometimes even before the pulpit. At many a camp meeting mothers have in the nick of time snatched back their wandering offspring in the act of swarming up the pulpit steps. Many fathers and mothers, hungering for spiritual uplift, could not attend divine services were children unwelcome, having no one with whom to leave them. Any one who has tried keeping an active four year old motionless during an hour's religious service knows it can't be done except with anesthetics.

Somehow Mr. Sunday's practice in this instance seems to square wretchedly with a divine admonition: "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." But then, Billy Sunday differs from Jesus Christ in a number of other particulars equally noteworthy.

The suggestion of the prohibitionist candidates for president that "if you want to have a drink five years from now, you'd better begin to lay it in," will find enthusiastic favor with the Indoor Yacht club.

Sonora's Insurance Against Grafting

Realizing that certain official shortcomings have existed in the past and that temptation may arise in the future, Gov. de la Huerta of Sonora has taken a stitch in time by requiring all state officials and employees to file schedules of all their real and personal property. Inasmuch as the lists would be available for purposes of computing taxes, it is assumed they would be reasonably conservative.

The governor's idea is to provide an incentive against grafting. He realizes the Mexican people have more than once borne unjust burdens in order to fatten the bank or property account of some person in authority, and he desires to provide against it. By having before him a list of every official's property, he is able, by adding the official's salary and the amount which he might expect to receive as income from his property, the official's approximate total income. The governor could then judge for himself whether a suspected official was spending more money than his total income, or investing more than he could possibly save.

The system is not infallible. It is susceptible of evasion, and an American juggler of finances would not worry over it long. But it is at least a step in the right direction and will undoubtedly act as a deterrent against grafting in more than one instance. Even partial security is better than none at all.

The Southern Lumberman says the strike of snuff-makers at Memphis is not to be sneezed at. Well, we can take it seriously—in a pinch.

It is said a man can always get an audience by hammering nails into a board. He can also make his influence felt in his community by slapping his neighbors on the back.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

Villa's ghost is leading 1500 men toward the border. Now, Villa, don't start something that will upset the presidential campaign again.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Memories are the canned food for the soul on which most wives are expected to subsist all through the arctic voyage of matrimony.—Los Angeles Tribune.

How many poor mortals since time began, we wonder, have fallen for the excuse "You do it so well" and consented to some fresh imposition.—Milwaukee Journal.

In the Republican preserves there is more joy over one Progressive than repentance than over ninety and nine rogues who never strayed off the ranch.—Chicago Daily News.

Our volunteer soldiery has given a fine demonstration of the two predominant passions of youth: first, to get away from home, and then to get back.—New York Telegraph.

Well, if we aren't exactly prepared to resist an armed invasion, we've got a bunch of railroad workers who ought to be able to bluff the foe out of the country.—Birmingham Press.

Latin politeness is proverbial, but aren't there Mexican commissioners exceeding the limit when they persist in likening Woodrow Wilson to Venustiano Carranza?—New York Herald.

If the average girl were given a choice between normal brains and naturally curly hair she would doubtless joyously elect to be a schoolboy all her days.—Helen Rowland in New Orleans States.

"Bananas take the place of cereals among the Indians of South America." The Indians are to be congratulated at least on their choice of a breakfast food with nourishment in it.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mexican authorities insist that Carranza has retreated to the coast and is awaiting a chance to make a dash for the Gulf. And we expect soon to hear that Villa is teaching a Sunday school class—Baltimore (Texas) Herald.

Roundabout Town

Roundabout Road To Las Cruces Is Fairly Good

El Pasoans Eat Ripe Fresh Dates; An Auto Story

By G. A. MARTIN.

THE concrete paving on the north road from a point about a mile north of Courchesne bridge to Canutillo is now open, a stretch of about a mile on the southern end having been uncovered and opened to traffic in the last few days. By crossing over to the west side at Canutillo and continuing north on that side of the river to San Miguel, recrossing the river there on the Mesquite bridge and continuing north on the Camino Real, the only bad piece of road now left between El Paso and Las Cruces is a stretch of sand beginning at the Courchesne bridge and extending for a mile north. This turnout is necessitated by the fact that concrete is now being laid there.

The cars and wagons have cut up the sand so badly that automobiles frequently are unable to get over it without great effort.

The road between Canutillo and Anthony will not be in shape for travel for several weeks. This is in El Paso, it is only a little further to cross to the west side and go up over the west side road, which is gravelled and level. A few small, dangerous culverts ought to be fixed on the west side road or there will be a bad accident some of these days.

The road directly west from Canutillo to the Pearl Bailey farm is badly cut up and very dusty. This is in El Paso county and has not been gravelled; the west side road in New Mexico is gravelled and is much better than this little stretch of Texas road.

The vanderville bill at the Crawford this week is in a bad way, and should be better supported than it is.

If El Paso wants entertainment, let El Paso show its appreciation of it. The hills at the Crawford, since its opening as a Vanderville house, have been good with the possible exception of last week, and they have all been worth every cent of the money charged for admission. We are prone here to grate about having no place to go and then when we get something, we too often let it die for lack of support. If the Crawford's vanderville is encouraged, the hills will be gradually strengthened until we will eventually have a good place to go to anywhere. The present hills are worth going to see, however, and in going, we encourage the management and entertain ourselves.

El Pasoans have recently been treated to an unusual delicacy in the form of fresh ripe dates, grown in the United States. Only a few pounds have been received here and these sold readily. More are expected but just when they will arrive is not known. J. H. Nations has distributed all that have been received here and it is stated that only an occasional crate of the delicious fruit can be secured, as there is a wide demand all over the United States for them. A Chicago firm has a contract for the entire output of the Salt River and Yuma valleys, but cannot get a few crates and these go into the stores of the southwest, where they are greatly prized. As a fruit they are probably the greatest delicacy grown in the United States and everybody who goes to El Paso, and the date season is away boxes of them to friends back home. It has only been during the last 10 or 15 years that this delicious fruit has been grown in the United States, and Phoenix was the original point at which they were tried out, but they are now being grown in the Colorado river valley near Yuma and in a small way in the Imperial valley of California. All the dried dates sold in the United States are packed in Arabia, but agricultural and fruit experts believe that the arid section of the United States is going to produce enough to supply all this country in the next few years.

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D. C. Booth has an automobile story which he says is new. It related to an old countryman who was sitting beside a mudhole in a road in a long lane out in Arizona. An automobile came along and he saw the driver man to pull him out. "It is lucky I found you here," said the motorist—according to Booth—else the physician would have been "oh, no, I stay here all the time," replied the old farmer. "Day and night," asked the motorist. "Yes," replied the countryman. "During the day I pull people out; at night I haul water and pour it into the mud hole."

From Indianapolis comes the story that "musical anesthesia" has been used with great success by physicians who are inoculating pupils in the schools against typhoid fever. At one school a pupil was inoculated with a needle for the inoculation. A photograph was brought into use, and while the room resounded with ringing music, the physicians worked rapidly. Not a child shrank from the physicians and not one suffered ill effects. This is not a new idea. In the old days when El Paso was full of doctors, it was used. Music was played while the female attendants of the place operated upon the bank rolls of the viator.

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While the grand jury is in session, I think it would be a good idea to have investigate the records and find out if these bonds were ever collected and placed to rightful credit; if not, find out where these bond monies have been placed.

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Abe Martin



Miss Wanda Moots, who is to marry Oscar Shouts 'tad girl' will be the first thick, regular sized girl to be led 't' altar here in two years. Tipton Bud reserved a revised plumbin' bill 't' day.

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is still an office holder in our country. Why not ask the grand jury to retrace the evidence in this case and find out where the fault is.

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ORGANIZED CHURCH LEAGUE.

The captains and managers of the church basketball league will meet at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock to discuss plans for the opening of the church basketball league.

President Brown urges that every church have at least one representative present at this meeting.

Little Interviews

Mexico Faces Era of Peace and Prosperity

Uprising of Villa Possesses No Importance

THE outlook for peace and prosperity in Mexico was never brighter since the revolutionary era began five years ago," said Omar V. de Balboa, correspondent for "El Dia," a newspaper published in Havana, Cuba. "The great fight Gen. Carranza has made for his country is successful and the revolution has diminished to banditry. The Villa movement is of no importance. Typhus fever has almost disappeared. Small numbers of Zouaveans inhabitants are still in desperate need of food. Most of the deaths in that state, although generally attributed to typhus, were in reality caused by hunger. I have spent 10 months in the republic investigating conditions and I believe the future peace and happiness of the country is assured. We culturally are naturally very interested in Mexican politics. Like El Paso, Havana has her wealthy Mexican refugee colony. Conspiracies are continually being hatched against the de facto government."

"El Paso is soon to have the unique distinction of being a city of this size, of seeing two Postal Telegraph offices in operation at the same time," said Claude Miller, manager of the local office of that company. "We are going to move soon into our new location next to the Fisher hotel, but while the moving is in progress we will transact business at our present office. Until we get things running smoothly at the new place, we will handle business in the old one, so that for a few days, perhaps, both offices will be operating at the same time."

"Pecos county, Texas, has about the finest roads that I have ever seen, having none, and I have traveled quite

a bit," said R. O. Reid. "In the San Antonio to El Paso trip the road is not very good until the motorist strikes Pecos county, and believe me you can make up for lost time there. At one place near Alpine, however, the road is very bad and I would advise motorists to go carefully along there. I had a bad accident one machine near that town, as a result of the rocky roads. The entire highway, with the exception of the Pecos road, is not in good condition at present. This is not a good time for motoring."

"The great amount of building being done in El Paso is certainly a source of wonder to tourists, as this is the most rapidly growing town that I have ever seen," said C. E. Hargrave, the new courthouse, the Roberts-Banner building and many others are all products of the past year in the building line, and believe me, it is a little hard to understand how the city is growing so, although considering the presence of the soldiers, it is not a thing to be wondered at. Besides El Paso's citizens are certainly an enthusiastic and boastful lot, and with good reason. The prevailing it is absolutely necessary that the city grow."

"We in Mexico City hope that the conference now on between the American and Mexican commissioners at the new London Convention may succeed in something, but I cannot say that we are optimistic," said John Jorgen, hotel man and restaurateur of the Mexican capital, who is staying at the Pazo del Norte. "In fact, we do not expect the conference to accomplish anything. We do not seem to be getting anywhere. We are not talking much about business conditions in Mexico City just now. But as for peace, yes, everything at the capital is distinctly peaceful and quiet. We had not heard anything about Villa's reported attacks on Chihuahua city when I left Mexico City. I came here by the way of Laredo and after my trip to New York City expect to return the same way."

"I have just received a new schedule of intra-state freight rates affecting Texas from the Interstate Commerce Commission," said A. W. Reeves, traffic secretary of the Chicago and North Western. "I am now studying the rates and find that some discrimination has been made against Texas points. I do not believe, however, that El Paso will be seriously affected. El Paso has won its fight for fair freight rates and is better off in that regard than Denver and other cities. We do not have to figure on the terminal or 'back haul' question, which is a bug-bear to coast shippers."

"I still maintain that the annexation of Government Hill the city is willing to do, but I differ with city attorney J. H. McBroom as to the steps that can be taken to make the annexation void," said attorney Fred Knollenberg. "McBroom says the annexation is now a fact and that the only move the opponents can make is an injunction suit. I believe the remedy lies in quo warranto proceedings. However, I do not believe that any legal steps will be taken at this time. The city is in making effective the annexation ordinance passed two weeks ago. I think that when it comes to working out the annexation, it will be found that the state law will prevail over the city, and the state law plainly says that no school district can reduce its territory while bonds are outstanding, a condition that exists in the Concordia school district. I think the legislature at its next session will take the question up."

LETTERS TO THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the same will be withheld if requested.)

APPRECIATES COURTESIES.

Fort Bliss, Texas, Sept. 22.

Editor El Paso Herald: If I am not too late I would like to express my appreciation, also the appreciation of many of my comrades, for the way the troops of the Seventh Infantry were treated by the people of El Paso. I would especially like to thank the little cavalry sergeant named A. for the fine work he did for us when we were dry and he gave us drink; also the little girl who was on the job. I came near falling over her and she was that were on the job, too, but the little girl and boy were mostly mentioned by my sergeant major and little girl live on Montana street. Frank Gaylor, Sergt. Co. H, 1st Inf.

CAUTIONS PARENTS.

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 20, 1916.

Editor, El Paso Herald:

I have carefully read the Herald for some time and I notice that the editor is for the use of the child. I am a parent of a child and I am sure that the child is for the betterment of the human race. I have studied the way of people for some time and I find that the thing most needed is brotherly love and confidence in our fellow man. We should put ourselves in the place of others and learn to treat others as we would have them treat us, for without this feeling we cannot be better.

The trouble today is that we have gone crazy over the mighty dollar, and the Bible says that money is the root of all evil and the dollar will be the means of sending a great number of souls to hell.

When a man or woman will sell their souls for money and their virtue for lust, I think that the time has come to find a remedy to check this evil destroying and God disowning practice.

The day has already come when virtuous men and women are few and far between.

Whiskey, the greatest of all curses to the human race, is the first cause; second, the way the parents rear their children. Teach a child the way you will have him or her go and they will never depart from it. I say go ahead and whiskey and be careful how you teach your children, for an impression made on a baby's mind will stay with it as long as it lives. I say go ahead and teach your babies, they will make drunkards, and if you swear before them, they will swear as you do.

W. D. Smith.

THE PICTURE HOUSES.

Editor, El Paso Herald:

I was much interested in an article published in your paper a few days ago, a part of which dealt with the outrages of the moving picture houses, the complaint being that business had not, in spite of the large number of soldiers here, been very good. The reason for such a condition is not far to seek. I do not believe that there is a moving picture man in El Paso who does know the reason for the lack of patronage. He complains of. The writer was in 49 different towns and cities last year and this year he has been in 49 more. The soldiers here are largely from the east and they are accustomed to getting a 25-cent show for a quarter, and when it comes to paying 25 cents for five and ten-cent shows as one is compelled to do here, in most instances, if he attends at all, it causes the average visitor to such places to feel that he is not getting anywhere near his money's worth and he resorts to.

In cities like Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio and other large places in Texas, one usually gets better returns on an investment of the kind in question than he does here. In cities like Memphis and Nashville and cities of

INDOOR SPORTS

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Does Such a Thing As Faith Exist?

Beatrice Fairfax Asks Her Readers To Believe That It Does.

NEVER had a chance. I'm unlucky," says the weakling.

But long before you and I were born the weakling was answered by a wise man of Greece. Democritus said, "One's character is one's fate."

After all, the only good fortune a man may have is the good fortune to be well born in that he comes from sane and healthy stock. And whether or not he does, any man who is brave and strong and willing to exert himself may make for himself a splendid fate.

The men who have gone their glorious way to place and power in our country have not been sons of ease and luxury. The man whose path lies smooth before him is likely to stumble, while he who has sharp rocks and grim precipices to surmount is likely to become so strong through a wise man of Greece. Democritus said, "One's character is one's fate."

Every day one meets men and women who start with the most tragic handicaps of poverty or ill health or unfortunate environment—even with a cruel heredity. But something strong and dauntless that was in them made them brave to fight—and their courage brought them to the top.

"One's character is one's fate," not what life offers you—but what you are brave enough and strong enough to take from life determines your position. There is no doom that can befall you unless you let it. You are what you are uninvited by your own self. What you get from life you win from life.

Whining and whimpering about ill luck is the greatest ill luck that can befall you. Bravely making for yourself opportunity and good fortune is your supreme chance for success.

MAN WHO WAS CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER WINS APPEAL.

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 27.—The state supreme court has reversed the court of Union county in the case of James C. Pruett, appellant, who was convicted on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Cleasie Cheek, which occurred on October 17, 1914.

The reversal is on the ground that evidence highly prejudicial to the defendant had been admitted.

It Ought to Be Easy.

While the New London conference is making peace in Mexico it might just as well put a stop to the European war.

Badly Needed.

"War Department Plans New Test for Big Guns."—Headline! It has been found at Indian Head that our 16 inch rifles can knock holes through coconuts, but the belief at headquarters is that there will be few coconuts to hit in case we go to war.

Frugal Quander.

With one Pinchot supporting Wilson and another supporting Hughes, how in the world can anyone expect ordinary voters to make up their minds?

In the Fall.

IN the Fall Tired Father's fancy gravely turns to thoughts of coal, and he sheds nine kinds of rays as he stuns up his roll. He has thirty-seven dollars—two of them are plucked with zinc—and the outlook for the winter is extremely bleak. And he hears the children clamor for a lot of winter duds, and his wife makes requisition for some bacon and some spuds; and his lovely grown-up daughter wants no poverty in her's—she must have a stylish bonnet and a costly set of furs, and the son will need some money as he studies for the bar; thirty-seven hard earned dollars won't take Father very far. Father has so many problems that his hair has fallen out, yet it's safe to bet a koepck on that patient, dauntless scout. Somehow he will buy the bacon, somehow he'll provide the spuds, Susan Jane will have her sables, and the kids will have their duds; there'll be coal to feed the furnace, there's be comfort in the shack, while Tired Father fights his battle with eight stitches in his back.

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